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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S TRIP: BIOGRAPHIC INFO ON ISTANBUL  
OFFICIALS

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1. IN ADDITION TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS DEPUTY SECRETARY  
CHRISTOPHER MAY ALSO HAVE CONTACT WITH SENIOR LOCAL OFFICIALS  
WHILE IN ISTANBUL. THOSE MOST LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED WITH VISIT  
ARE GOVERNOR OF PROVINCE AND MAYOR OF ISTANBUL. FOLLOWING ARE  
BRIEF BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES OF THESE TWO OFFICIALS.

2. GOVERNOR NAMIK KEMAL SENTURK - GOVERNOR OF THREE OTHER  
PROVINCES BEFORE COMING TO ISTANBUL, SENTURK ROSE RAPIDLY THROUGH THE  
RANKS OF THE ELITE CORPS OF PROFESSIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS FROM WHOM  
GOVERNORS ARE NAMED. HE WAS ONLY 40 YEARS OLD WHEN HE BECAME  
GOVERNOR OF ISTANBUL, ONE OF THE MOST COVETED JOBS IN HIS  
SERVICE, AND HAS HELD THE OFFICE FOR FOUR YEARS. HE IS KNOWN AS A  
STRAIGHT-TALKING, NO-NONSENSE ADMINISTRATOR. SELF-CONFIDENT AND  
DIGNIFIED, SENTURK IS ABOUT 5' 8". TALL WITH DISTINGUISHED  
SILVER HAIR AND DISTINCTIVE "BUSHY" EYEBROWS.  
HE HAS TRAVELLED IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT HIS ONLY FOREIGN

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LANGUAGE IS FRENCH.

3. MAYOR AHMET ISVAN - A GENTLEMAN FARMER WITH NO PREVIOUS  
POLITICZL EXPERIENCE. ISVAN OWES HIS JOB TO HIS FRIENDSHIP  
WITH REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY CHAIRMAN BULENT ECEVIT. THE  
TWO WERE CLASSMATES AT ISTANBUL'S ELITE ROBERT COLLEGE WHERE  
THE MAYOR LEARNED HIS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. HE ALSO HAS A

MASTERS DEGREE IN AGRONOMY FROM AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.  
ELECTED IN 1973, DURING THE LAST YEAR OF HIS TENURE, HE WAS ALMOST  
CONSTANTLY AT ODDS WITH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WHICH ALLOCATES  
THE MAJOR PORTION OF MUNICIPAL FUNDS. ISVAN IS GENERALLY  
REGARDED AS A POOR ADMINISTRATOR, AND OPPOSITION TO HIM  
FROM WITHIN HIS OWN PARTY MAY FRUSTRATE HIS PLANS TO RUN FOR  
ANOTHER TERM THIS YEAR. CHARMING AND SOPHISTICATED, THE  
MAYOR CUTS A RATHER PATRICIAN FIGURE ALTHOUGH HE HAS WORKED  
HARD AT DEVELOPING A POLITICAL BASE AMONG THE CITY'S POWERFUL  
LEFTIST LABOR UNIONS. A BALDING, TALL MAN OF ABOUT 6'2",  
ISVAN IS 44 YEARS OLD. HIS WIFE IS SOMETHING OF A POLITICIAN IN  
HER OWN RIGHT AND IS A LEADER OF THE RADICAL CHIC INTELLIGENTSIA  
OF ISTANBUL.

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